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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Briefing by the Director of the Special Subcommittee on
National Defense Posture - 9 October 1967**

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1. The Director, accompanied by [REDACTED] met with the Porter Hardy Special Subcommittee on National Defense Posture in morning and afternoon sessions. We started at ten o'clock and went until twelve and reconvened at two and went until three. Present from the Subcommittee were:

Porter Hardy, Jr., Chairman
Charles A. Halleck
Samuel S. Stratton
William H. Bates
William L. Dickinson

Staff members present were:

John T. Reddan
David L. Martineau
Lebre R. Garcia

A transcript was taken with technical custody being maintained by the Agency at all times until being returned to the Subcommittee the following day. Only one copy of the transcript is being prepared. A technical sweep was made of the room and there was monitoring during the meeting.

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2. Prior to the meeting, the Director and [REDACTED] met with Mr. Hardy to discuss conduct of the briefing. It was agreed that the Director should supply appropriate highlights without going through the entire briefing and then the prepared material would be made available to the Subcommittee and incorporated by reference into the transcript.

3. The Director read most of the following sections in their entirety:

Communist China including Military Forces, Strategic
Weapons, and Foreign Policy
Haiphong Harbor (Supplement)
Laos
Thailand
ChiCom Military Capabilities for a General
Offensive in SEA
Burma
India
Pakistan
Cambodia
Indonesia
Korea
Japan
Hong Kong

The Director also discussed the situation in Malaya.

4. There were two action items. One concerned the question of the amount of supplies and equipment moving through Cambodia into South Vietnam including Mekong River traffic. Mr. Hardy requested that we furnish an overall picture of this situation and it was agreed that we would supply a memorandum. (2) Mr. Stratton asked for some information on the Korean War as to whose initiative the North Koreans attacked--whether the Soviet Union or Communist China. It was agreed that we would supply a memorandum for the record.

5. Since a transcript was taken this memorandum does not record all of the questions asked of the Director. Of particular interest were some of the questions regarding participation by both

the Director and high level military people in basic decisions on conduct of the Vietnam war. Also of interest was the query about possible use of ChiNat troops in Vietnam. The Director stated he wished to go over the transcript on these series of questions most carefully.

6. The briefing seemed to go very well and the members seemed to be well satisfied with the quantity of information received. Comments by the Chairman and other members after conclusion of the session were most laudatory remarks concerning the Director's presentation.

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